

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A method, implemented using a computer, for determining a standardized physical address of a user ~~[[with]]~~ having an electronic account of ~~the user~~, comprising the steps of:

~~creating a static address database from a master address database, the static address database containing the standardized physical address of the user, wherein the standardized physical address conforms to a standard format;~~

obtaining an address of the user from the electronic account;

sending the address of the user to ~~[[the]]~~ a static address database, the static address database using the address of the user to obtain a delivery point identification key from a master address database that contains the standardized physical address of the user, wherein the standardized physical address conforms to a standard format; [[and]]

receiving ~~[[a]]~~ the delivery point identification key corresponding to the address of the user, wherein from the static address database, the delivery point identification key containing information specifying a location of the standardized physical address within the master address database; and

obtaining the standardized physical address from the master address database
~~using the delivery point identification key can be used to obtain the~~
~~standardized physical address of the user from the static address~~
~~database.~~

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the master address database is a United States Postal Service master address database.
13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the static address database is a United States Postal Service static monolithic address database.
14. (Currently amended) A method implemented using a computer, for determining a standardized physical address of a user having ~~[[with]]~~ an electronic account of the user, comprising the steps of:
~~accessing an address database containing the standardized physical address of~~
~~the user, wherein the standardized physical address conforms to a~~
~~standard format;~~
obtaining an address of the user from the electronic account;
sending the address of the user to ~~[[the]]~~ an address database containing the
standardized physical address of the user, wherein the standardized
physical address conforms to a standard format; [[and]]
receiving a delivery point identification key from the address database, the
delivery point identification key specifying a location of the standardized

~~physical address within the address database; and corresponding to the-~~
~~address of the user, wherein~~

~~obtaining the standardized physical address from the address database using the~~
~~delivery point identification key can be used to obtain the standardized-~~
~~physical address of the user from the address database.~~

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the address database contains a plurality of standardized addresses corresponding to a plurality of users, the standardized addresses conforming to the standard format.
16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the standard format includes a street number, street name, city, state, and ZIP code.
- 17-53. (Canceled)
54. (Currently Amended) A system for determining a standardized physical address of a user having ~~[[with]]~~ an electronic account ~~of the user~~, comprising:
~~a creating component configured to create a storage device containing a static~~
~~address database~~ separate from and in communication with a master address database, the master static address database containing the standardized physical address of the user, wherein the standardized physical address conforms to a standard format;

[[an]] a first obtaining device component configured to obtain an address of the user from the electronic account of the user;

a sending device component configured to send the address of the user to the static address database, wherein the static address database uses the address of the user to obtain a delivery point identification key from the master address database; [[and]]

a receiving device component configured to receive [[a]] the delivery point identification key from the static address database, the delivery point identification key containing information specifying a location of the standardized physical address within the master address database; and corresponding to the address of the user, wherein the delivery point identification key can be used to

a second obtaining device configured to obtain the standardized physical address of the user from the master static address database using the delivery point identification key.

55. (Original) The system of claim 54, wherein the master address database is a United States Postal Service master address database.

56. (Original) The system of claim 54, wherein the static address database is a United States Postal Service static monolithic address database.

57. (Currently Amended) A system for determining a standardized physical address of a user ~~[[with]]~~ having an electronic account ~~of the user~~, comprising:
- ~~an accessing component configured to access an address database containing the standardized physical address of the user, wherein the standardized physical address conforms to a standard format;~~
- a storage device containing an address database containing the standardized physical address of the user, wherein the standardized physical address conforms to a standard format;
- ~~[[an]] a first obtaining device component~~ configured to obtain an address of the user from the electronic account of the user;
- ~~a sending device component~~ configured to send the address of the user to the address database; ~~[[and]]~~
- ~~a receiving device component~~ configured to receive a delivery point identification key from the address database, the delivery point identification key specifying a location of the standardized physical address within the address database; and corresponding to the address of the user, wherein the delivery point identification key can be used
- a second obtaining device configured to obtain the standardized physical address of the user from the address database using the delivery point identification key.

58. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 57, wherein the address database contains a plurality of standardized addresses corresponding to a plurality of users, the standardized addresses conforming to the standard format.
59. (Original) The system of claim 58, wherein the standard format includes a street number, street name, city, state, and ZIP code.
- 60-88. (Canceled).
89. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-readable code embodied therein for determining a standardized physical address of a user with an electronic account of the user, the computer-readable code comprising:
~~a creating module configured to create a static address database from a master address database, the static address database containing the standardized physical address of the user, wherein the standardized physical address conforms to a standard format;~~
[[an]] a first obtaining module configured to obtain an address of the user from the electronic account of the user;
a sending module configured to send the address of the user to [[the]] a static address database, the static address database using the address of the user to obtain a delivery point identification key from a master address database that contains the standardized physical address of the user.

wherein the standardized physical address conforms to a standard format;

[[and]]

a receiving module configured to receive [[a]] the delivery point identification key
corresponding to the address of the user, wherein the delivery point
identification key can be used to from the static address database, the
delivery point identification key containing information specifying a location
of the standardized physical address within the master address database;
and

a second obtaining module configured to obtain the standardized physical
address of the user from the static master address database using the
delivery point identification key.

90. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-readable code embodied therein ~~method~~ for determining a standardized physical address of a user with an electronic account ~~of the user~~, the computer-readable code comprising:

~~an accessing module configured to access an address database containing the~~
~~standardized physical address of the user, wherein the standardized~~
~~physical address conforms to a standard format;~~

[[an]] a first obtaining module configured to obtain an address of the user from
the electronic account of the user;

a sending module configured to send the address of the user to [[the]] an
address database containing the standardized physical address of the

user, wherein the standardized physical address conforms to a standard format; [[and]]

a receiving module configured to receive a delivery point identification key from the address database, the delivery point identification key specifying a location of the standardized physical address within the address database; and corresponding to the address of the user, wherein the delivery point identification key can be used to
a second obtaining module configured to obtain the standardized physical address of the user from the address database using the delivery point identification key.

91-95. (Canceled)

96. (Currently Amended) A system for determining a standardized physical address of a user with an electronic account ~~of the user, comprising:~~
~~means for creating a static address database from a master address database,~~
~~the static address database containing the standardized physical address~~
~~of the user, wherein the standardized physical address conforms to a~~
~~standard format;~~
means for obtaining an address of the user from the electronic account of the user;
means for sending the address of the user to ~~[[the]]~~ a static address database,
the static address database using the address of the user to obtain a

delivery point identification key from a master address database that
contains the standardized physical address of the user, wherein the
standardized physical address conforms to a standard format; [[and]]
means for receiving [[a]] the delivery point identification key from the static
address database, the delivery point identification key containing
information specifying a location of the standardized physical address
within the master address database; and
corresponding to the address of the user, wherein
means for obtaining the standardized physical address from the master address
database using the delivery point identification key can be used to obtain
the standardized physical address of the user from the static address-
database.

97. (Currently Amended) A system for determining a standardized physical address of a user with an electronic account of the user, comprising:
~~means for accessing an address database containing the standardized physical~~
~~address of the user, wherein the standardized physical address conforms~~
~~to a standard format;~~
means for obtaining an address of the user from the electronic account of the
user;
means for sending the address of the user to [[the]] an address database
containing the standardized physical address of the user, wherein the
standardized physical address conforms to a standard format; [[and]]

means for receiving a delivery point identification key from the address database,
the delivery point identification key specifying a location of the
standardized physical address within the address database; and
corresponding to the address of the user, wherein
means for obtaining the standardized physical address from the address
database using the delivery point identification key can be used to obtain
the standardized physical address of the user from the address database.

98-100. (Canceled)

101. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the standard format of the standardized physical address comprises one of "delivery point," "plus 4," "5 digit," and "last line" standardization.
102. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the standard format of the standardized physical address comprises one of "delivery point," "plus 4," "5 digit," and "last line" standardization.
103. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 54, wherein the standard format of the standardized physical address comprises one of "delivery point," "plus 4," "5 digit," and "last line" standardization.

104. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 57, wherein the standard format of the standardized physical address comprises one of "delivery point," "plus 4," "5 digit," and "last line" standardization.